

# Senate Study Bill 3160 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DAWSON)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled  
2 veterans.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.105, subsection 5, Code 2022, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. a. Seriously disabled veterans who have been provided  
4 with an automobile or other vehicle by the United States  
5 government under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. §3901 – 3904,  
6 shall be exempt from payment of the registration fee fees  
7 provided in this chapter for that vehicle, and shall be  
8 provided, without fee, with one set of regular registration  
9 plates or one set of any type of special registration plates  
10 associated with service in the United States armed forces for  
11 which the disabled veteran qualifies under section 321.34. The  
12 disabled veteran, to be able to claim the benefit, must be a  
13 resident of the state of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular  
14 or special military registration plates available without fee,  
15 the disabled veteran may obtain a set of nonmilitary special  
16 registration plates or personalized plates issued under section  
17 321.34 by paying the additional fees associated with those  
18 plates.

19 b. A disabled veteran with a service-related disability  
20 rating of fifty percent or higher as determined by the United  
21 States department of veterans affairs shall be exempt from  
22 payment of the registration fees provided in this chapter for  
23 one vehicle, and shall be provided, without fee, with one  
24 set of regular registration plates or one set of any type of  
25 special registration plates associated with service in the  
26 United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran  
27 qualifies under section 321.34. The disabled veteran, to be  
28 able to claim the benefit, must be a resident of the state  
29 of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular or special military  
30 registration plates available without fee, the disabled veteran  
31 may obtain a set of nonmilitary special registration plates or  
32 personalized plates issued under section 321.34 by paying the  
33 additional fees associated with those plates. However, if the  
34 disabled veteran was issued or reassigned a set of nonmilitary  
35 special registration plates or personalized plates in the

1 one-year period prior to July 1, 2022, the disabled veteran may  
2 continue to use the plates without paying the additional fees  
3 associated with those plates.

4 Sec. 2. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,  
5 subparagraph (2), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

6 (2) Persons with disabilities parking sticker. An  
7 applicant who owns a motor vehicle for which the applicant  
8 has been issued registration plates under [section 321.34](#) or  
9 registration plates as a ~~seriously~~ disabled veteran under  
10 section 321.105 may apply to the department for a persons with  
11 disabilities parking sticker to be affixed to the plates. The  
12 persons with disabilities parking stickers shall bear the  
13 international symbol of accessibility.

14 Sec. 3. Section 321L.2, subsection 5, Code 2022, is amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with  
17 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government  
18 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. §3901 – 3904, or a disabled  
19 veteran with a service-related disability rating of fifty  
20 percent or higher as determined by the United States department  
21 of veterans affairs, is not required to apply for a persons  
22 with disabilities parking permit under [this section](#) unless  
23 the veteran has been issued special registration plates or  
24 personalized plates for the vehicle. The regular registration  
25 plates issued for the disabled veteran's vehicle without fee  
26 pursuant to [section 321.105](#) entitle the disabled veteran to  
27 all of the rights and privileges associated with persons with  
28 disabilities parking permits under [this chapter](#).

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 Current law exempts seriously disabled veterans who have  
33 been provided with an automobile or other vehicle by the United  
34 States government from paying motor vehicle registration fees  
35 and applying for a persons with disabilities parking permit.

1 This bill broadens these exemptions to include disabled  
2 veterans with a service-related disability rating of 50 percent  
3 or higher as determined by the United States department of  
4 veterans affairs.

5 The bill provides such disabled veterans with one free set  
6 of regular registration plates or one free set of any type of  
7 special registration plates associated with service in the  
8 United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran  
9 qualifies under Code section 321.34. The bill requires the  
10 disabled veteran to be a resident of the state of Iowa. In lieu  
11 of the set of regular or special military registration plates  
12 available without fee, the disabled veteran may obtain a set of  
13 nonmilitary special registration plates or personalized plates  
14 by paying the additional fees associated with those plates.  
15 However, if the veteran was issued or reassigned such plates  
16 prior to July 1, 2022, the veteran may continue to use the  
17 plates without paying the additional fees.

18 By operation of law, Code section 321.166 requires the  
19 registration plates provided under the bill to display the  
20 alphabetical characters "DV" preceding the registration plate  
21 number.